

Mayor and City Council Agenda Item Request

Meeting Date: 8/19/2013

Type: Presentation

Call to Podium:

Jarrold Borkat
Gordon Borkat

Agenda Item Title:

Recognition of Jarrold Borkat and Gordon Borkat

Responsible Staff and Department:

Michele R. Potter, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Culture
Kim Lamphier, Recreation Resource Development Administrator

Desired Outcome from Council:

Issue proclamation.

Public Hearing History	
Introduction Date:	
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Supporting Background Information:

In 1997, Gordon Borkat offered to take his son Jarrod and then girlfriend Angie, on a trip to New Zealand, Japan, and Mount Fiji – under one condition – that they run a marathon with him. A father/son tradition was born.

In 2000, Jarrod and Gordon traveled to Hawaii to run a marathon. In 2004, the destination was a Kenyan Safari Marathon where they ran with zebras, elephants, and monkeys, along with helicopters to ward off lions.

In France, they commemorated the Normandy invasion and in Beijing, they scaled the Great Wall of China at Mile 20.

Perhaps most memorable was running in Antarctica with its indescribable black and white landscape. But if that wasn't enough – a penguin crossing the trail – required stopping to take pictures and enjoy the moment.

With the finishing marathon in Rio de Janeiro, they became the only father/son team to run a marathon on every continent.

During this time, Jarrod married Angie and they raised two daughters. Their daughters are now asking if they can run with the penguins.

This accomplishment is a testament to the values of fitness, family, and community. The City congratulates you for demonstrating these values and for your achievement.